

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
JANUARY 18, 2011

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. All members are in attendance.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MINUTES**

Councilman McAuliffe moved to approve the December 21st minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hunt and passed 7-0.

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011**

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to continue meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Councilman McAuliffe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

**CLERK**

Tawna Leffel, Miami County Clerk, explained to the Council that as a new Clerk, there are additional supplies that she would need (such as new stamps etc.). In December, the Council cut \$3,000 from supplies in Clerk –Circuit (001), Clerk – Superior (002), and Clerk Election – (003). She asked the Council to reconsider and give her back \$3,000 in supplies for each budget.

Ms. Leffel also asked the Council for permission to refill three positions. The Voter Registration person has put in her notice to retire, the Bookkeeper position will be vacated the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January and the position she left empty when she became Clerk. She currently has 2 positions that are First Deputies. The former Clerk requested and received a third 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy, as allowed by the IC code, however when the 2011 budget was done the amount for one of the 1<sup>st</sup> Deputies was lowered by \$1,540. Ms. Leffel is requesting the \$1,540 and the third 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy be reinstated.

Councilman McAuliffe stated he knew that Ms. Leffel had come before them and asked for their opinion. Commissioner Chairman Boyer stated that the Board of Commissioners support the Clerk's supplies being reinstated.

Councilman McAuliffe then questioned Ms. Leffel regarding the request to reinstate the third 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy along with the \$1,540 to bring the pay back to a 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy. He stated raise were not given and he did not think that the \$1,540 should be given and he did not think all three positions were needed. Ms. Leffel tried to explain that the positions she was asking to fill were positions that were appropriated in her budget. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to support the request of the Clerk (to be advertised next month). Councilman Wiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Immediately following the vote, Councilman McAuliffe requested the President of the Council call an exec session.

**ASSESSOR**

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, was not in attendance but requested by memo to replace a position in the Assessor's office that will be vacated in a couple of weeks. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve and Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1abstain (McAuliffe).

**PROSECUTOR**

Bruce Embrey, Prosecutor, asked the Council for permission to hire a private investigator for his office to be paid partially from Deferral and partially from County General. The Council advised him he needed to address the Board of Commissioners first.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman McAuliffe. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hunt and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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Jane Lilley  
Miami County Auditor